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CURRENT UN ANTI-APARTHEID COMITE CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN/OPI PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING
HARRIMAN VISIT TO WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 9:

THE CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMITE AGAINST APARTHEID, LESLIE
O. HARRIMAN, BEGAN TODAY A TWO-DAY MISSION TO WASHINGTON,
D.C., TO CONSULT WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVT, SENATORS
AND CONGRESSMEN, AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS ON FURTHER
INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID.

AT 5:00PM TODAY, HE MET WITH SAMUEL LEWIS, ASST SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS.

DURING THE DAY, HE ATTENDED A CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA-IMPLICATIONS FOR UNITED STATES POLICY--CONVENED BY THE
WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE FUND
FOR NEW PRIORITIES HELD IN THE SENATE CAUCUS ROOM.

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IN HIS REMARKS AT THE CONFERENCE, MR. HARRIMAN SAID THAT

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THERE WAS A STATE OF WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THAT THE SPECIAL COMITE AGAINST APARTHEID CALLED FOR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONALISTS WHO WERE FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.

REFERRING TO RECENT DIPLOMATIC MOVES FOR A SOLUTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS BY DISCUSSION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME, HE SAID THAT, WHILE NO OPTIONS FOR MITIGATING SUFFERING IN THE CAUSE OF THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM SHOULD BE RULED OUT, NO ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO STABILIZE RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA, IN RETURN FOR PROGRESS IN NAMIBIA OR ZIMBABWE COULD BE ACCEPTED.

HE STRESSED THAT RESORT TO INDIVIDUAL OR SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN AND ITS OBJECTIVES COULD ONLY LEAD TO CHAOS. THE US, HE SAID, HAD SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM IN AFRICA SO LONG AS THE WESTERN POWERS WERE DOMINANT. IT HAD AT NO STAGE CONDEMNED THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME FOR ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA. IT HAS NOT DISCOURAGED TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS FROM INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE RECENT US INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAD THEREFORE AROUSED SOME SUSPICIONS.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT NO GOVT WOULD SUPPORT THE PLANS OF THE VORSTER REGIME TO CONTAIN THE SOUTHWARD THRUST OF NATIONALISM AND ESTABLISH PUPPET GOVTS ON SOUTH AFRICA'S BORDERS. HE CALLED FOR INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH HAD BEEN OBLIGED TO RESORT TO ARMED STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM.

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